- List of banned drugs and prohibited substance are put in placards in the rooms of the campers for their education in this behalf.
- Rooms and belongings of the campers are also searched and checked at regular periodicity to see that no banned drugs are used.
- Random tests are carried out in camps, during trials, national championships and prior to participation in international events.
- A high level committee, under the chairmanship of former Secretary (Youth Affairs & Sports)-Shri S.S. Sharma has been constituted. The committee has been asked to give its report in three months. Further measures will be considered, after the committee submits its report.

Disqualification of Medal Winners due to Malpractices

1193. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national prestige has been lowered during the recent Commonwealth Games, when two Indian medal winners were disqualified, owing to malpractices;

(b) whether enquiry report into the drugs scandal has been received; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the coach and the players involved in drug scandal and to ensure that such scandals are not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI) had instituted a One Man Inquiry committee to inquire into the incidents of two weightlifters, Shri Sateesha Rai and Shri K. Madasamy, who had tested positive for use of prohibited substances, at the Manchester Commonwealth Games-2002. The committee had submitted its report but on its examination it was found that some vital issues pertaining to the incidents had not been adequately gone into. Director General, SAI was accordingly, requested to further inquire into the matter for fixing responsibility. Further action will be considered after receipt of the inquiry report. In the meantime SAI has taken following action on this incident:

1. Shri K. Manilal, coach of SAI, who was attached with the national Coaching Camp for Weightlifting was placed under suspension.

2. Shri Tamil Salvan, Chief Coach of Weightlifting, who belonged to Railways, has been repatriated to his parent Department.

3. Shri C.S. Sivrama, coach attached with the camp, has been repatriated to the Karnataka Govt. and debarred from entering the SAI campus.

4. Shri Sateesha Rai and Shri Madasamy, weightlifters, have been debarred from entering the SAI compus for training and any other activities.

5. A 6 months ban commencing from August, 2002 to January, 2003 and a fine of USD 1000 has been imposed on Shri Sateesha Rai and a 2 years' ban from August, 2002 to July, 2004 has been imposed on Madasamy by the concerned International Federation.

Facilities for Indian Players at Busan

1194. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last Asian Games at Busan, Geet Sethi and other players were not given proper facilities and that they had to sleep and rest on staircase;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been investigated; and

(c) if so, the results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHANAN): (a) The members of the Indian contingent had been provided with well furnished accommodation in the Games Village. Government of India had paid USD 50/- per person per day to the organizers towards board and lodging of the athletes. As reported by the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India, on the 6th October, 2002, India had to play the English Doubles Finals at the venue of the tournament. There was a gap of about few hours between the semi-final and the Final. Considering that it was raining that day, the long distance involved between the Athletes' Village & the tournament venue and the possibility of match schedule being changed at very short notice, the Team Manager/Chief Coach & the players decided to stay at the venue. Since there was no rest room provided for the players at the venue they decided to rest, wherever they could, in the viewers gallery/chairs at the venue. It is true that Shri Geet Sethi/players had to make do with viewers gallery/ chairs to take rest as there was no rest room provided at the venue.